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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN: DENNIS MCKENNA, DNAP, CRNA RETIREMENT BY LESTER KITTEN, CRNA

-Scott T. Reeves, MD, MBA



After a distinguished career and having made many contributions to the Medical University of South Carolina, Dr. Dennis McKenna has announced his retirement. Dennis attended the Anesthesia for Nurses program at MUSC, graduating in 1992 and then receiving his Master's in Health Professions and Certificate in Nurse Anesthesia. He also received the Agatha Hodgins award for excellence in Nurse Anesthesia. Dennis worked at the old Charleston County Hospital until 1994, then joined MUSC until 1996. Dennis moved to Florence and worked at McCloud hospital from 1996-2005. In 2005, he rejoined MUSC. He became the associate director of the Nurse Anesthesia program at MUSC from 2006 to 2010. In 2010, Dennis returned to clinical practice working closely with the SRNA students and taking on many other roles. As a lifetime learner, in 2016, he received his Doctorate in Nursing Practice. In 2018, he became the CRNA educator and went on to develop that position. From 2019 to 2022, Dennis was promoted to CRNA manager over the main, Rutledge Tower, East and West Campuses in charge of the CRNAs and Anesthesia techs. In 2022, he became the ICCE leader for all the CRNA's and support personnel.

During all this time he was also very involved in the state and national organizations. At the state level, Dennis served as President, President Elect, Treasurer, Trustee at Large and Bylaws Committee chair. At the national level, he was on the nominating, bylaws, and resolutions committees. He also worked on the Accreditation for Nurse Anesthesia Programs Committee from 2019 - 2025. In 2020 Dennis received the prestigious Helen Arndt award for the promotion of CRNA practice in the state of SC.

On February 1st at Hobcaw Yacht club, we celebrated Dennis's remarkable career and upcoming retirement. He has touched the lives of coworkers and students alike. During his career Dennis has practiced anesthesia excellence, set new standards, and encouraged others around him to elevate their practice as well. Dennis will be greatly missed, and we wish him best of luck on a well-deserved retirement.



OPENING STATEMENT CONTINUED



NEW ADULT ANESTHESIA EDUCATOR

It is with great pleasure to announce Dr. Jennifer Hale, DNP, CRNA has accepted the position of Anesthesia Adult Educator. This February, Jennifer began her 20th year as a CRNA and her 30th year as a nurse. She has dedicated almost 17 years of her practice to MUSC. Because of her passion for education and her desire to teach, Jennifer completed her doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia in 2021. She is excited to get started in this new role, and thankful that she will still be providing direct patient care and anesthesia. In her new role, she will have responsibilities to the adult anesthesia providers and technicians. She will transition to this position from her clinical staff role at a date to be announced. Her office will be in RT 280. Please join me in welcoming her to this valuable position.



NATIONAL ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK—JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1, 2025

The department had the opportunity to recognize the faculty, fellows and residents for their dedication to the specialty, our patients and each other. Thank you all!!!



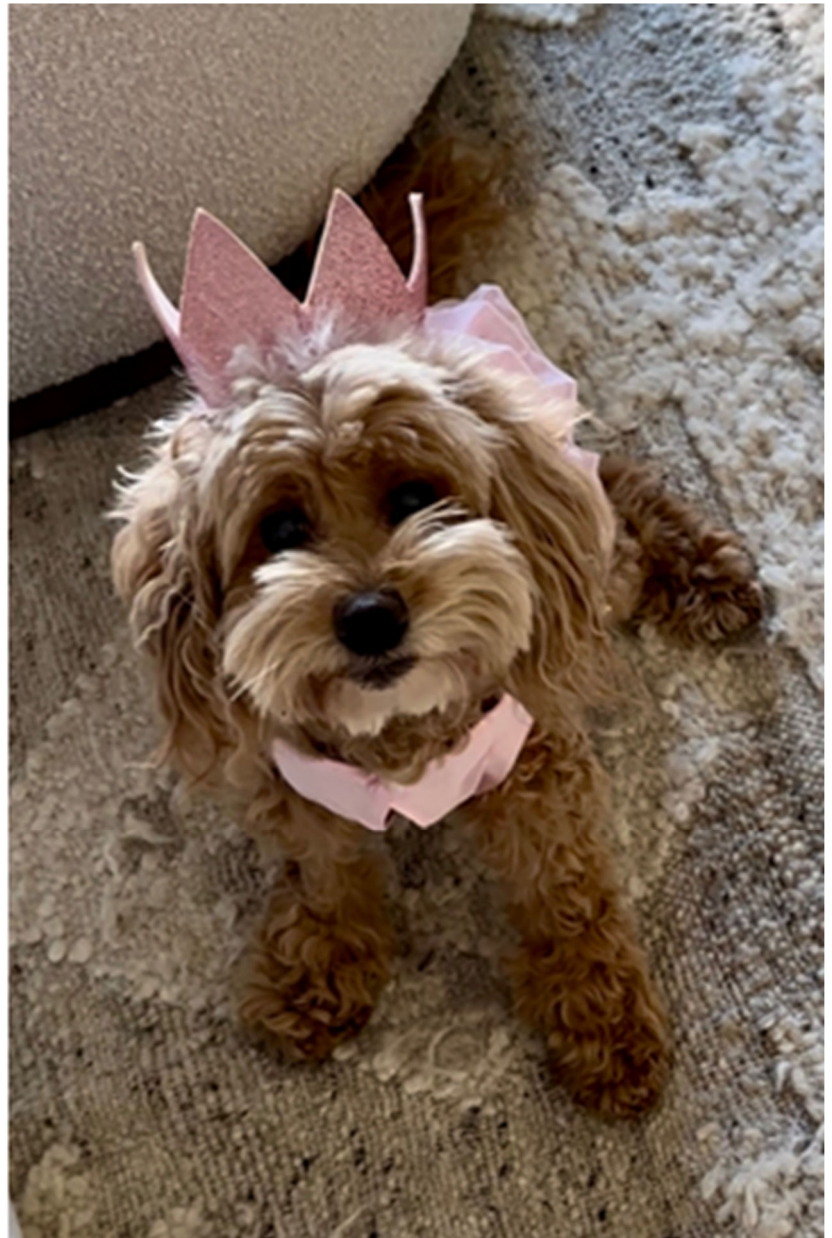
LOWCOUNTRY HEART WALK AND CUTEST PET CONTEST WINNER!



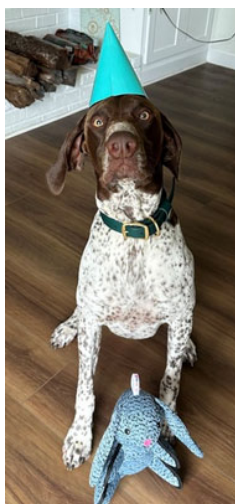
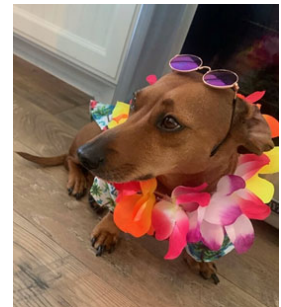
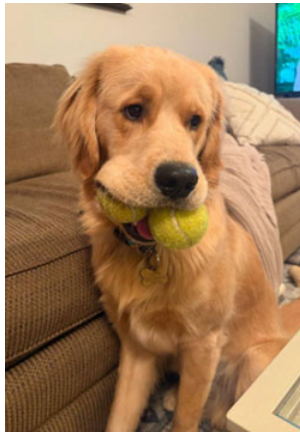
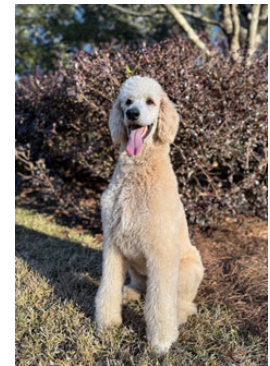
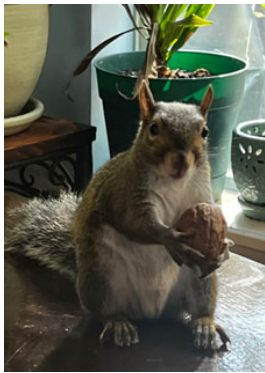
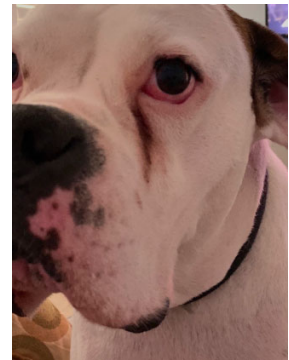
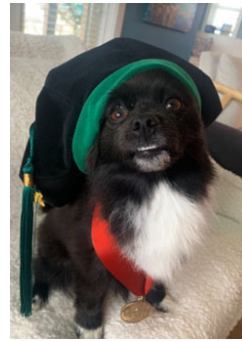
A big thank you to everyone who participated in the pet contest and for your donations! We raised \$1206 for the American Heart Association this year! As for the departments cutest pet, with 416 votes, the winner is...LUCY!

Lucy is the happiest girl. She just celebrated her 15th birthday with 60 of her closest friends and shows no signs of slowing down! She loves prancing down King Street and getting all the pets, playing with her toys, making people smile, and cookies.

Congrats Lucy!!



PET CONTEST HONORABLE MENTIONS



MUSC ANESTHESIA 2025 GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year, we brought back the annual department golf tournament. It was hosted at Legend Oak's Golf Club in Summerville. The tournament had 44 participants and consisted of attendings, CRNAs, residents, and alumni. Eleven groups teed off in shotgun start and competed in a scramble format with the first-place team of Carey Brewbaker, Jason Cage, Tom Epperson, and Andrew Klein scoring -11. Ryan Vaultk won the long drive competition, and Brenden Drerup won closest to the pin on a par 3. Congratulations to this year's winners! Following the conclusion of the round, everyone then enjoyed a BBQ lunch. A big thank you to the department, and Margarita Pate and the South Carolina Society of Anesthesiologists for helping support this event. We look forward to hosting this event again next year for all that are interested.



MEET EVERETTE KELLER NEW BIOSTATISTICIAN

I am excited to join the Department of Anesthesia and Perioperative Medicine. I am originally from Greenville, South Carolina. I completed my undergraduate degree in Secondary Education at Clemson University and my master's degree in Biostatistics at MUSC. Following the completion of my master's degree, I transitioned into the doctoral program at MUSC where I am currently a Ph.D. candidate aiming to complete my doctorate in the coming months. My dissertation has focused on developing a novel methodology that combines the use of decision trees in the Bayesian paradigm to yield accurate and reliable inferences that support data-driven decision-making in healthcare. Prior to becoming a graduate student, I was a high school mathematics teacher at South Carolina Connections Academy for 8 years teaching a variety of subjects. Outside of work, I have three young boys, that keep my wife and I quite active from day to day. I love being outdoors, specifically sailing, throwing a frisbee, or simply exploring the wonderful city of Charleston.



FAREWELL MOLLIE

Our fabulous Education Program Coordinator II, Mollie Hartley, will be leaving MUSC at the end of March for a new adventure. After a trip to Southeast Asia this spring, Mollie and her husband, Chad, along with their dog, Banjo, will be moving to Jackson, MS, where Chad will be practicing as an orthodontist. While it is bittersweet to leave Charleston, the Hartleys are looking forward to being with family. Mollie has been a wonderful addition to the Education Office for the past few years, and she will be greatly missed by everyone in our department, especially by the Education Team! If you see Mollie around the department, please wish her a fond farewell and thank her for all her hard work here at MUSC.



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New Frontiers in Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy

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Translational Psychiatry

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ARTICLE **OPEN**

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Estrogen receptor beta signaling enhances extinction memory recall for heroin-conditioned cues in a sex- and region-specific manner

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REVIEW ARTICLES

Special Populations in Ambulatory Surgery: Recreational Substance Use, Alternative Opioid Therapies, Social Challenges, and the Geriatric Patient

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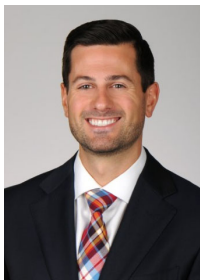
Airway Management

RESEARCH LETTER

Implementation of Affordable Emergency Subglottic Airway Training for Anesthesiology Residents with Mastery-Based Learning Simulation

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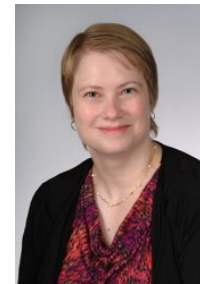
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GRAND ROUNDS—MARCH 2025

M&M

March 4, 2025

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Medical University of South Carolina**



“The 2024 AHA/ACC Guideline for Perioperative Cardiovascular Management for Noncardiac Surgery”

Bobbie Jean Sweitzer, MD, Professor

March 11, 2025

**Systems Director of Perioperative Medicine
Inova Health System**

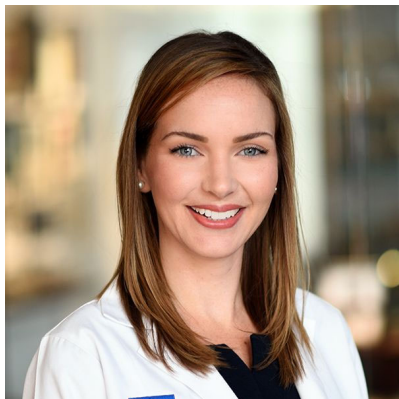


“Regional Anesthesia in Infants and Children”

Carine Foz, MD, Assistant Professor

March 18, 2025

**Dept. of Perioperative Anesthesia and Pain
Medicine
Boston Childrens Hospital**



**“What to Say When There Are No Words:
An Approach to Debriefing with Patients After
Traumatic Events ”**

Caitlin Sutton, MD, Associate Professor

March 25, 2025

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Future Events/Lectures**CA 1 Lecture Series**

- 3/5—Maternal/Fetal Physiology—Katie Hatter
3/12—Impaired Physician/Medical Legal Issues
3/19—Jeopardy—Travis Pecha
3/26—Anesthesia for Patients with
Cardiovascular Disease - Toby Steinberg



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**I HUNG THE MOON**

Please don't forget to nominate your co-workers for going 'Beyond the Call of Duty.' I Hung The Moon slips are available at the 3rd floor front desk and may

Dr. Burke is arguably the most reasonable, kind, personable, and intelligent physician (clinically, educationally, socially) I have had the fortune of working with and learning from. His bedside manner with patients is unparalleled in my experience, his attention to detail within the context of patient care/social interactions, and ability to educate are all sources of inspiration for my continued growth as a physician and a person. I aspire to provide the quality of care he likely considers as routine or normal (yet is positively far from the mark compared to what I have experienced as normal in others) in all my future care of patients, family, and their health. I wish I had the literary capacity to truly express how incredible and inspiring he is and I wish more physicians could be like him. In my opinion, for students interested in anesthesia or otherwise, being under his tutelage and seeing the caliber of quality that can be achieved is invaluable to our educational experience and commitment to growth as individuals and physicians. Despite not pursuing a career in anesthesia, for the reasons listed above and many more, he is easily tied for one of my favorite physicians I have had the pleasure of working with.—Med Student Eval



Graduation
June 13, 2025
Founders Hall

Holiday Party
Saturday, December 6, 2025
Carolina Yacht Club

[ONE MUSC Strategic Plan](#)**We Would Love to Hear From You!**

If you have ideas or would like to contribute to *Sleepy Times*, the deadline for the April edition will be March 18, 2025.